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The following information was obtained in Fuerstenwalde (N 53/V 33):

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1. a. Eighteen AA guns, dug in about 75 cm and surrounded by a protective mound of earth, were observed behind the fence of the airfield, about 100 meters from the road to Neuendorf, on 9 January 1950.

b. Local residents said that a medical unit, previously stationed in Neulichtenberg, has been in Fuerstenwalde since 1 January 1950. The unit allegedly included many Soviet civilians.

c. Troops wearing black collar patches unloaded five rail-road cars at the loading ramp of the airfield on 10 January 1950. The unloaded goods included large white bales, possibly dressing material.

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d. About 20 unarmed troops carrying much luggage, some wearing tank insignia, boarded the train for Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) on 13, 14 and 16 January 1950.

e. It was learned that 20 officers at the military post expected to be relieved soon. These officers had allegedly been in Germany for four years.

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2. a. The kaserne on Gartenstrasse was allegedly occupied by a tank regiment.

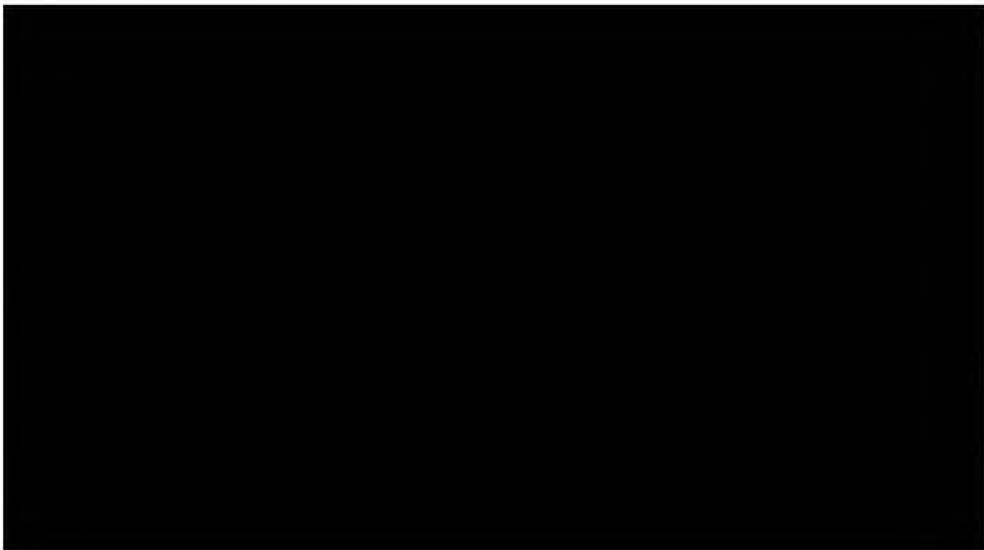
b. The kaserne on Braunsdorfer Strasse was said to be occupied by three (tank) battalions.

c. A Soviet repair shop for tanks, tractors and prime movers was in the former Henry-Hall iron foundry on Max-Behnke-Strasse.

d. Two tank battalions were allegedly stationed at the airfield.

Troops observed in Fuerstenwalde wore red-bordered black epaulets some with tank and some with artillery insignia.

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